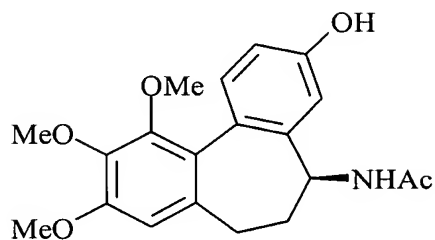


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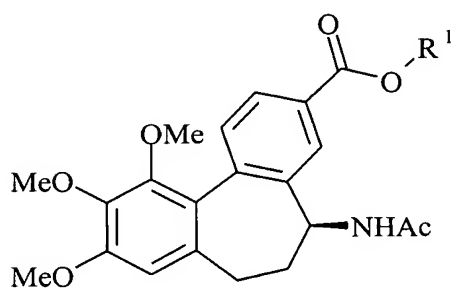
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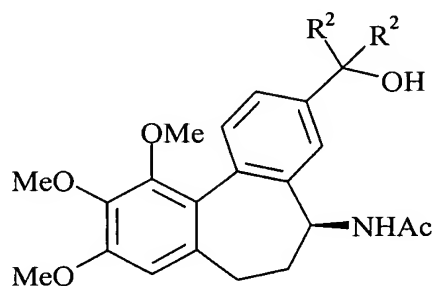


ZD6126 Phenol

from allocolchicine or an ester derivative thereof of formula (I), or from a ZD6126 Alcohol of the Formula (II):



(I)



(II)

wherein R¹ and R² are as defined in the description. Also claimed are intermediates, processes for their preparation and the use of the intermediates in the manufacture of ZD6126 Phenol.